

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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RON GILBERT, *on behalf of himself and
on behalf of all others similarly situated*,

Plaintiff,

- against -

1:20-cv-10834-ALC
ORDER

AFTRA RETIREMENT FUND and **THE
SAG-AFTRA HEALTH PLAN**,

Defendants.

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ANDREW L. CARTER, JR., **United States District Judge:**

The Court now considers Plaintiffs Ron Gilbert And A.A. et al.'s Joint Motion For Consolidation And Appointment Of Interim Class Counsel. Dkts. 16-21. The Motion seeks to consolidate two related matters pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: *Gilbert v. AFTRA Retirement Fund et al.*, 1:20-cv-10834-ALC and *A.A. et al. v. AFTRA Retirement Fund*, 1:20-cv-11119-ALC. It further requests that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g)(3), Finkelstein, Blankinship, Frei-Pearson & Garber, LLP ("FBFG"), Keller Lenkner LLC ("KL"), Morgan & Morgan ("MM"), and Clayeo C. Arnold, a Professional Law Corp ("CCA") be appointed as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel.

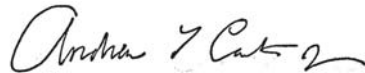
Upon consideration of the unopposed Motion, memorandum in support hereof, and the accompanying declarations, the Court concludes that the two matters involve common questions of law and fact and that FBFG, KL, MM, and CCA are appropriate Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel. Accordingly, the Court hereby GRANTS the Joint Motion For Consolidation And Appointment Of Interim Class Counsel.

The Clerk of Court is directed to consolidate *Gilbert v. AFTRA Retirement Fund et al.*, 1:20-cv-10834-ALC and *A.A. et al. v. AFTRA Retirement Fund*, 1:20-cv-11119-ALC. Future submissions are to be filed under the lower docket, 1:20-cv-10834-ALC. Plaintiffs are ORDERED to file a Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint within 30 days of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York

February 25, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew L. Carter, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

ANDREW L. CARTER, JR.
United States District Judge